

# NC State Publications Clearinghouse



# UPDATE

Winter 2016

## NC Cardinal, here we come!



In the coming year, the State Library plans to join NC Cardinal, a growing consortium of North Carolina public

libraries with the goal of sharing resources and expanding opportunities through a single online catalog. Utilizing Evergreen's open source integrated library system, NC Cardinal provides libraries and their patrons with greater access to a shared collection of materials and information. This move will, undoubtedly, increase the visibility of important state publications. The new ILS system will go live in January 2017. Stay tuned for updates!

## New North Carolina Agency

In November 2015, Gov. McCrory created the **NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**. It is a new cabinet-level state agency devoted to military and veterans issues. Previously there has been a Division of Veteran Affairs within the NC Department of Administration. That division has now been replaced by this newly created agency. You can learn more about the new department at [www.milvets.nc.gov](http://www.milvets.nc.gov).



## State Documents Inventory Check-in

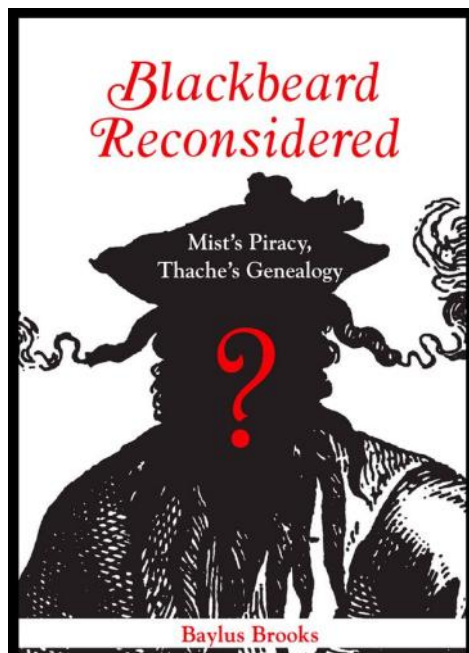
As we begin a new year, we also begin a new section of the State Documents Inventory Project. Finishing the As resulted in 36 items being added to our catalog and 4423 records edited too! Since the inventory project is a huge task, we have a few more people helping out, taking on specific areas of interest, such as the Bs, Cs, Fs, and Js. Please stay tuned to more updates as we muddle through the ever expanding State Documents Collection here at the State Library of North Carolina.



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Cultural Resources*



## Blackbeard



A new book published by the North Carolina Office of Archives and History, *Blackbeard Reconsidered: Mist's Piracy, Thatches's Genealogy*, questions the long held notion of the pirate Blackbeard as a bloodthirsty criminal. Long held beliefs about Blackbeard were based on a book published in 1724, *A General History of the Robberies and Murders of the Most Notorious Pyrates*. Historian Baylus Brooks contends that the author of *General History*, Charles Johnson, working under a pseudonym, Nathaniel Mist, to hide his identity, badly needed to sell books to alleviate his legal and political troubles. To increase interest and sales of the book, Mist undeservingly vilified Blackbeard to create a more exciting and colorful account, that was "half history and half glorified fiction." Brooks examines official government records from Jamaica and also records from the Church of England. These records provide evidence of Blackbeard's lineage back to England as the grandson of an Anglican minister and of his kindness and concern for his step-mother and younger siblings. Brooks finds no evidence that Blackbeard ever killed anyone. Brooks cites his references and provides photocopies of some of the records he uncovered.

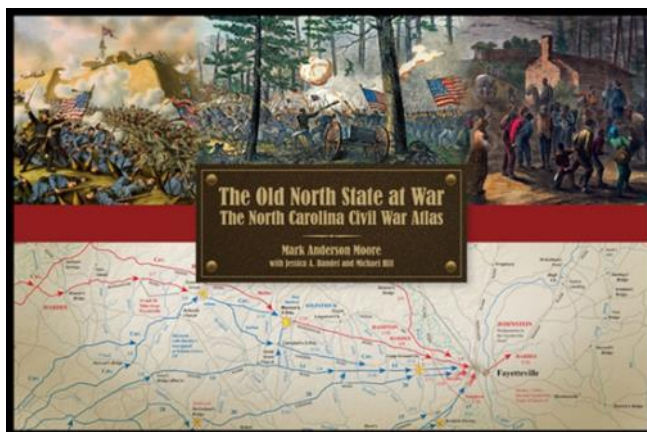
The Government and Heritage Library has the book in its collection or you can order it at <http://nc-historical-publications.stores.yahoo.net/4793.html>

## North Carolina Civil War Atlas

[The Old North State at War: The North Carolina Civil War Atlas](#) is a book filled with 99 highly detailed maps. Created specifically to study the impact of the Civil War on North Carolina, it covers every Civil War military engagement in the state. It is authored by Mark Anderson Moore with Jessica A. Bandel and Michael Hill and is a product of the [North Carolina Office of Archives and History](#), a part of the [North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources](#).

The book itself is beautifully illustrated, hardbound, 200 pages, and in full color. For anyone interested in Civil War history and/or North Carolina history, this is a very important addition to your collection.

You can purchase this book for your own collection [here](#). The official press release for the book can be seen [here](#). The book is available in the State Library of North Carolina as well as for sale at museums and historic sites' gift shops here in North Carolina.



## Noteworthy New State Publications

- [NC Community Colleges - Performance Measures for Student Success](#)
- [Partner & Industry Relations Newsletter](#)
- [Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach Newsletter](#)
- [Home School Guidebook](#)
- [North Carolina Education Lottery Strategic Plan](#)

